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76TH ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP



CVEC held the 76th Annual Membership Meeting on June 26 at the Nelson County High School. As usual, loyal members arrived early to catch up with one another, view the energy displays, and enjoy the ice cream social prior to the business meeting. “CFL Charlie” made an appearance as a special guest to encourage energy savings.

Chairman H.T. Brown welcomed the members and special guests after calling the meeting to order. After introducing the other member-elected Directors, he presented a Board resolution honoring recently deceased Board member **K.M. Beasley**, which was accepted by Mr.

Beasley’s wife, Harriette, and family. (See article on page 7.)

During the Chairman’s remarks, Mr. Brown declared that the Co-op had endured a few challenges in 2012 but also saw significant accomplishments. He noted the significant restoration effort in response to the severe Derecho storm last June and the destructive March storms of this year. In between, CVEC crews also threw their support to our neighbors to the north, helping to restore electric service in New Jersey in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

H.T. noted that CVEC ended the year with \$3.6 million in margins, with the Board voting to return \$1.6 directly to the CVEC members. (The remainder of the margins was allocated to members and will be used for present day construction and system improvement costs.) After discussing CVEC’s diversified-portfolio power supply strategy, Mr. Brown mentioned two new payment options: No-fee credit card processing via the internet or by phone and a new pre-paid option now under consideration by the State Corporation Commission. (See article on page 4)

During the President’s Report, **Gary Wood** focused on three important themes:

1. Service Reliability
2. New Programs
3. The Value of Electricity



TOP: Members were greeted at the front door of the meeting by a ‘66 CVEC Bronco restored by the Co-op’s Metering Supervisor Ben Toms.
BELOW: Chair H.T. Brown reads resolution honoring K. M. Beasley, Jr., while Harriette Beasley listens.



Touchstone Energy’s CFL Charlie made an appearance.

Reliability: CVEC has been working to improve service reliability for a number of years, dedicating personnel from the Engineering and Operations team specifically to that goal. Improvements are measured by a number of indicators, one being the average number of outage minutes per member per year. The national goal of 200 minutes per year (*excluding outage minutes from major weather events*) is a challenge given the terrain and trees in Virginia, but is an appropriate goal for CVEC that benefits members.

There are two fundamental ways to reduce outage times. The first is to prevent an outage altogether and limit the number of members affected if one does occur. Toward that end, CVEC has an aggressive right-of-way (ROW) clearing program. The Co-op identifies and targets problematic areas on the distribution system, including the removal of “danger trees that grow outside of the 40-foot ROW. CVEC regularly inspects our poles and equipment, invests about \$10 million per year toward system growth and improvement, and has added protective devices along the lines that limit the impact of an outage when trees fall onto the power lines. The second way to reduce the average outage time per member is to get power back on sooner when outages do occur. CVEC is constantly evaluating our outage response strategy and making improvements when possible. Over the past twelve months, CVEC has endured the heaviest damage to our distribution system in the past 25 years, caused by major “act of god” storms, such as the Derecho and March snow storms. While severe weather events will certainly cause damage, Gary Wood discussed reducing average outage time outside of major weather events. He cited the progress of reducing the average outage minutes from 265 per member to 217 minutes per year. The CVEC goal is to reduce that number to the national goal of 200 minutes and then set another lower goal. Mr. Wood indicated that CVEC has a reliability plan, is making good progress, and will continue those efforts for the benefit of the members.

New Programs: Mr. Wood outlined a number of new programs. These include:

- Pre-paid Metering or **Pay as you Go**
- The ability to pay online or over the phone with no convenience fee

Gary cited the need for CVEC to keep up with a membership that increasingly values convenience, up to date information, and the freedom to do business when and where the member chooses. CVEC has been busy adding member convenience options in 2013 and will continue into the future.

The Value of Electricity: In discussing the value of electric service, Mr. Wood cited how a power outage is not only disruptive to our daily lives but also serves as a reminder of how electric service powers all of the comforts and conveniences that we often take for granted. A hot shower, home lighting, cooking, heating and air conditioning, hot coffee from the Keurig, your favorite news channel, Internet access, and much more are all powered by electric energy delivered by CVEC. In the 75 years that CVEC has served central Virginia, the cost of a kilowatt-hour has gone from a nickel in 1937 to 12 cents, as of last June. That can be compared to other commodities and major purchases that are now ten to sixty times what they were in 1937. (*See bar chart on page 9*) Specifically, he asked members to consider the **Value** of CVEC electric service (*average of \$150/month*) compared to what we spend on cell phones, satellite television and gasoline for our vehicles

To understand the real value of electric service, it is helpful to not only consider the impact of an electric outage on our daily lives, but also how the Co-op delivers round-the-clock power that provides the comforts and conveniences that we enjoy for a daily cost of about \$5 per household. 📍



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2013 TREASURER'S REPORT

Following the Chairman's remarks and the President's report, the Treasurer's report was presented with the following highlights from the 2012 fiscal year:

- ☑ CVEC invested almost \$10 million in the physical plant, including line extensions to new services as well as system improvements.
- ☑ The Cooperative added 319 new services and constructed 21 miles of distribution line.
- ☑ CVEC sold 644 million kilowatt-hours with an average price per kilowatt-hour of 10.59¢ for all rate classes in 2012, up from 9.1¢ in 2011 due to a mid-year increase in wholesale power costs.
- ☑ Our members' Cooperative balance sheet grew to \$161 million compared to \$155 million in 2011.
- ☑ CVEC borrowed \$6 million in 2012 to finance plant construction.
- ☑ Member Equity, our members' investment through patronage, totaled almost \$49 million in 2012, a 3.45% increase since last year.
- ☑ The Cooperative ended the year with margins of \$3,582,604.
- ☑ Revenues increased in 2012 to \$69.5 million, up \$1.6 million from last year.
- ☑ Total expenses included purchased power, operations, maintenance, interest, and depreciation. Purchased power continued to represent CVEC's largest single operating cost and represented 60% of total revenue.
- ☑ Our members' Cooperative received a "clean opinion" from the independent certified public accounting firm of Adams, Jenkins and Cheatham, meaning the auditors can give the "highest level of assurance" that the Cooperative's finances are sound. 📍



FILL UP YOUR METER? *(... or Pay as You Go!)*



PRE-PAID METERING IN THE WORKS

Want to manage your energy use and keep current on your accounts?

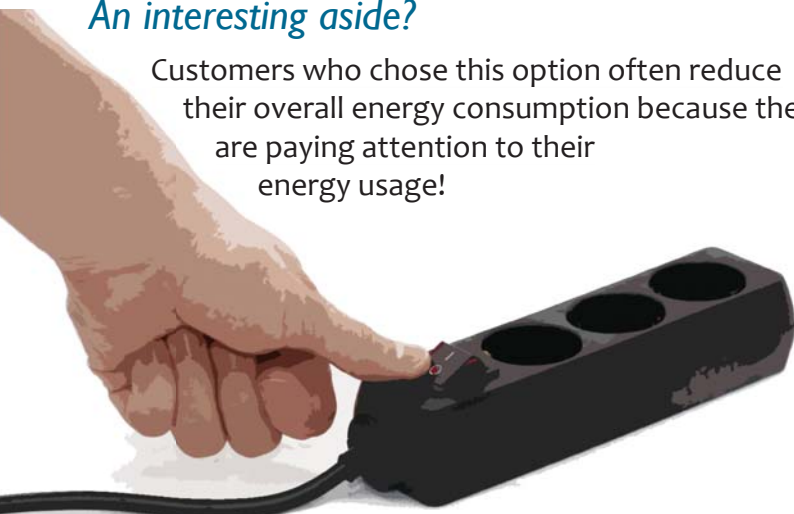
CVEC has filed with the State Corporation Commission requesting permission to offer a new payment solution to our members with a **Pre-Paid Metering** billing option. Following is the notice of such to our members. We hope to hear this fall if this option will be available for you.

Wouldn't it be easier to make a weekly or bi-weekly payment for electricity, rather than one large payment each month? Pre-paid metering works like refueling your car ... you pay up front for usage later.

Further, like a gas gauge keeps you abreast of your gas tank balance, you can now watch your power usage more closely. No more monthly surprises when you open your CVEC bill!

An interesting aside?

Customers who chose this option often reduce their overall energy consumption because they are paying attention to their energy usage!



So what is Pre-Paid Metering?

You pay whenever you want ... just make sure that your balance doesn't drop to \$0.

- Same rates and services as a regular residential account.
- No deposits or credit checks to open an account.
- No disconnection or re-connection fees.
- No fee to switch to pre-pay except for the \$50 minimum pre-payment balance.
- Voluntary sign-up or cancellation of the program.



We'll keep you posted at mycvec.com and in upcoming Current Communicators regarding the SCC decision. ♥

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF
CENTRAL VIRGINIA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S
REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF A PREPAID ELECTRIC SERVICE TARIFF
CASE NO. PUE-2013-00032

On April 5, 2013, Central Virginia Electric Cooperative ("CVEC" or "Cooperative") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application and exhibits ("Application") requesting the Commission approve a new proposed voluntary tariff for the Cooperative to allow certain CVEC Residential Class customers to establish and maintain a prepaid balance for their electric service. The Cooperative also proposed the addition of a new Appendix B to its Terms and Conditions to address CVEC's prepaid electric service.

CVEC filed its Application pursuant to § 56-247.1.A.7 of the Code of Virginia, which permits an electric cooperative to "install and operate, upon a customer's request and pursuant to an appropriate tariff for any type or classification of service, a prepaid metering equipment and system that is configured to terminate electric service immediately and automatically when the customer has incurred charges for electric service equal to the customer's prepayments for such service," subject to the Commission's "review and determination that the tariff is not contrary to the public interest."

The Cooperative states that its new, proposed voluntary prepaid tariff would be available to certain residential customers who wish to establish and maintain a prepaid balance with CVEC for their electric service. Specifically, the proposed prepaid tariff would be limited to residential customers where the full functionality of Automated Meter Information system capabilities is available to support daily meter read and remote disconnect functions. Further, as proposed by CVEC, customers who participate in the Cooperative's net metering or budget billing programs; customers with a Serious Medical Condition Certification who are dependent on electricity to power medical equipment; customers who have a service entrance size greater than the rating of the Remote Disconnect Device (200 amps); and customers who pay CVEC through automatic bank drafts, would not be eligible for service under the proposed prepaid tariff.

For those who are eligible and choose to receive service pursuant to CVEC's new proposed, voluntary prepaid tariff, CVEC states that the proposed prepaid tariff charges would be billed according to CVEC's Schedule A. While the proposed prepaid tariff also would allow customers to forgo certain fees and charges, including mandatory deposits to initiate service, late payment fees, and reconnection charges, customers still would be responsible for other charges and fees. For example, a minimum \$50 prepayment balance is required to initiate prepaid service.

According to CVEC, the Cooperative would check a prepaid customer's usage at least once daily and would notify the customer daily by the customer's chosen medium- phone, e-mail, or text message- when the prepayment balance falls below a predetermined amount chosen by the customer. Should a customer's balance fall to zero, however, a customer would be notified that they are scheduled for an automatic disconnect and electric service would terminate the next business day that disconnects are performed. CVEC represents that charges that are prorated daily would continue to be debited to the account for each day that service was automatically suspended. Electric service would resume only after the customer makes a payment to re-establish a prepayment balance on the account. CVEC further represents that no additional fees would be applied to the account as a result of an automatic disconnect or automatic reconnect of prepaid electric service, if reconnection occurs within 30 days of disconnect.

Further, as proposed by the Cooperative, no bills would be sent to customers under CVEC's prepaid tariff. Instead, customers who would be responsible for maintaining their prepayment balance could check their prepayment balance in person or by phone from a CVEC member services representative, through CVEC's automated account information system, or, by the end of 2013, through CVEC's online review and payment options.

In support of its Application, CVEC states that the proposed prepaid tariff would provide several benefits to customers. A primary benefit cited by CVEC is the control of how electric service is paid for, whether in multiple smaller payments throughout the billing cycle, or in whatever manner may best suit a customer's financial needs each month. CVEC also represents that because customers would have an incentive to monitor their usage, they likely would become more aware of their energy usage, which could lead to self-initiated conservation.

According to CVEC, the prepaid tariff also would be beneficial to the Cooperative. Specifically, CVEC states that the proposed prepaid tariff would eliminate the administrative burden and costs of securing and accounting for deposits and generating and mailing paper bills. Further, CVEC asserts that the proposed prepaid tariff would reduce the time and resources that CVEC must spend handling delinquent accounts for a portion of CVEC's customers and would reduce risk associated with unrecovered bills. In general, CVEC believes that depending on the number of customers who elect to receive prepaid electric service, the proposed, voluntary prepaid tariff would likely improve the Cooperative's cash flow position because CVEC would receive payment in advance for energy services used.

Interested persons may review a copy of the Application at the Cooperative's business offices where bills can be paid and in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Interested persons also may request a copy of the same, at no charge, by written request to counsel for CVEC, Noelle J. Coates, Esquire, Hunton & Williams LLP, 951 East Byrd Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

The Cooperative shall make a copy available on an electronic basis upon request. In addition, unofficial copies of the Cooperative's Application, Commission orders entered in this docket, the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure ("Rules of Practice"), as well as other information concerning the Commission and the statutes it administers, may be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

The Commission entered an Order for Notice and Hearing ("Order") in this docket that, among other things, scheduled a public hearing on the Application. A Hearing Examiner will convene this hearing at 10 a.m. on November 6, 2013, in the Commission's Courtroom, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, to receive the testimony of public witnesses and the evidence of the Cooperative, any respondents, and the Staff. Any person desiring to testify as a public witness should appear at the hearing location fifteen (15) minutes before the starting time on the day of the hearing and identify himself or herself to the Commission's Bailiff. Individuals with disabilities who require an accommodation to participate in any hearing should contact the Commission at least seven (7) days before the scheduled hearing at 1-800-552-7945 (voice) or 1-804-371-9206 (TDD).

Any person desiring to file written comments on the Cooperative's Application shall file such comments on or before October 30, 2013, with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. All comments shall refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00032. Any person desiring to file comments electronically may do so on or before October 30, 2013, by following the instructions found at the Commission's website: <http://www.scc.virginia.gov/case>.

On or before August 21, 2013, any person or entity may participate as a respondent in this proceeding by filing a notice of participation in accordance with 5 VAC 5-20-140, *Filing and service*, and 5 VAC 5-20-150, *Copies and format*, of the Rules of Practice. If not filed electronically, an original and fifteen (15) copies of the notice of participation shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Any person or entity also shall simultaneously serve a copy of the notice of participation upon counsel to the Cooperative at the address set forth above. Pursuant to 5 VAC 5-20-80, *Regulatory proceedings*, of the Rules of Practice, any notice of participation shall set forth (i) a precise statement of interest of the respondent; (ii) a statement of the specific action sought to the extent then known; and (iii) the factual and legal basis for the action. Any organization, corporation, or government body participating as a respondent must be represented by counsel as required by 5 VAC 5-20-30, *Counsel*, of the Rules of Practice. For additional information about participation as a respondent, any person or entity should obtain a copy of the Commission's Order.

All filings with the Clerk of the Commission shall refer to Case No. PUE-2013-00032 and shall simultaneously be served on counsel for the Cooperative at the address set forth above.



CVEC crew in East District relocating a pole on a 3-phase line.

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GOOD BYE TO A GOOD FRIEND



Passing of K.M. Beasley, Jr.

CVEC lost a good friend and great leader with the passing of K.M. Beasley on Sunday, April 7, 2013. K.M. was a long-serving CVEC Director from Buckingham County in the South District. With his never-met-a-stranger approach, K.M. was well known to many in Central Virginia and beyond. He will be missed.

The CVEC Board of Directors passed the following resolution in honor of his service and the impact on those that he encountered.

WHEREAS, Kemper Morton “K.M.” Beasley, Jr., was first elected to serve as a Director for Central Virginia Electric Cooperative in 1995; and,

WHEREAS, over the past 18 years, K.M. worked tirelessly to serve the members of the Cooperative, representing them at Board meetings and in committees and associated organizations; and,

WHEREAS, during his tenure, K.M. consistently sought the best practices and most effective use of members’ money, emphasizing conservative spending and efficient processes; and,

WHEREAS, K.M. also became a close friend to many members, employees, contractors, vendors and other Directors; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to his work at CVEC, K.M. also represented CVEC on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Maryland Delaware Statewide Association of Electric Cooperatives (VMDAEC); and,

WHEREAS, in this role he was an ambassador for electric cooperatives and the cooperative business model across three states; and,

WHEREAS, he served in several offices of the cooperative organizations, including serving as Chairman of the CVEC Board of Directors and as Chairman of the VMDAEC Board of Directors; and,

WHEREAS, in his role as Director, K.M. was known for his wise leadership, keen business acumen, sharp wit, and exceptional dedication; and,

WHEREAS, on a personal basis K.M. was known for his integrity and honor, as well as his graciousness and collegiality; and,

WHEREAS, K.M. leaves behind a legacy of service and commitment, and is recognized widely as a respected and beloved member of the cooperative family;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Central Virginia Electric Cooperative does recognize Kemper Morton “K.M.” Beasley, Jr., for his distinguished service to the membership, and conveys its deepest gratitude for his work and for his friendship.

Gary E. Wood, President & CEO | H. T. Brown, Jr., Chair

Director Vacancy:

K.M. Beasley was one of three directors on the 2013 Ballot. With his passing, a vacancy has been created. In accordance with the CVEC Bylaws, the Board of Directors will consider candidates to appoint to fill the vacancy until the next Director elections in 2014.

Toward that end, CVEC mailed a notice to every eligible member in the South District of the Cooperative service territory, inviting them to express their interest by June 7, 2013, in serving on the Board of Directors as an appointee until the next election. CVEC was contacted by a number of qualified members and the Board of Directors will announce a selection on or before the August monthly meeting. ♡

CASH BACK!



At the May 2013 meeting, the CVEC Board of Directors authorized a Capital Credit Refund to members for the fourth year in a row. The refunds totaled \$1.6 million and represent a portion of the margins (*remaining funds after we paid the bills*) from last year and from 1984.

In June, CVEC mailed checks to members if their refund exceeded \$100. Refunds that totaled less than \$100 were applied to the member's June electric bill.

What are capital credits?

Each year, CVEC closes its books and then allocates a portion of the margins to each member, based upon energy consumption. Most of the margins are not refunded immediately, but are used for construction and maintenance, reducing the amount of borrowed funds. Capital credits are returned to the member after Board review and approval.

Capital Credits represent the members' equity in the distribution system, about 30% of the total plant value.

Service at cost and cash back are two of the benefits of being a member-owner of an Electric Cooperative! ♡

We thought it would be interesting to see how our value has endured over time.

The bundled cost of electric service from CVEC has doubled over the last 76 years, while the value of money has increased twelve-fold.

Today the average residential member uses about 1300 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month costing a little over \$150 for our heating, cooling, appliances, and gadgets.

Do capital credits transfer to heirs?

The heirs of a CVEC member can receive CVEC capital credits issued for the years that the deceased was a member but they must first prove that they are eligible. CVEC adheres to the Virginia statutes regarding inheritance.

To prove rightful inheritance the following must be presented:

- a death certificate

AND

- proof that the applicant is the surviving spouse / sole heir / trustee / executor / executrix / administrator
(A legal will demonstrates this.)

OR

- If there is no will or the estate is closed, you can get a **Virginia Small Estate Act Affidavit** form from the state and submit it. (Do a web search for "va small estate act form" and you'll find it on a www.pwcgov.org subpage.)

Designated heirs of estates also may elect to receive capital credit refunds as a lump sum. If the CVEC account is closed, they can email estate@mycvec.com or call 800-367-2832 and ask for a **Request for Estate Settlement Capital Credit Refund Form** and return a signed copy to our office. You must give the deceased member's full name, last known address and CVEC account number(s) if known. The form CVEC sends you will give the lump sum dollar value of all credits for the account(s) and explain what other documents need to be included when it is returned to the co-op.

If you don't have a death certificate, you can get one from the Vital Records Office in Richmond, 804-662-6200, or download the request at www.vdh.state.va.us/vital_records. ♡

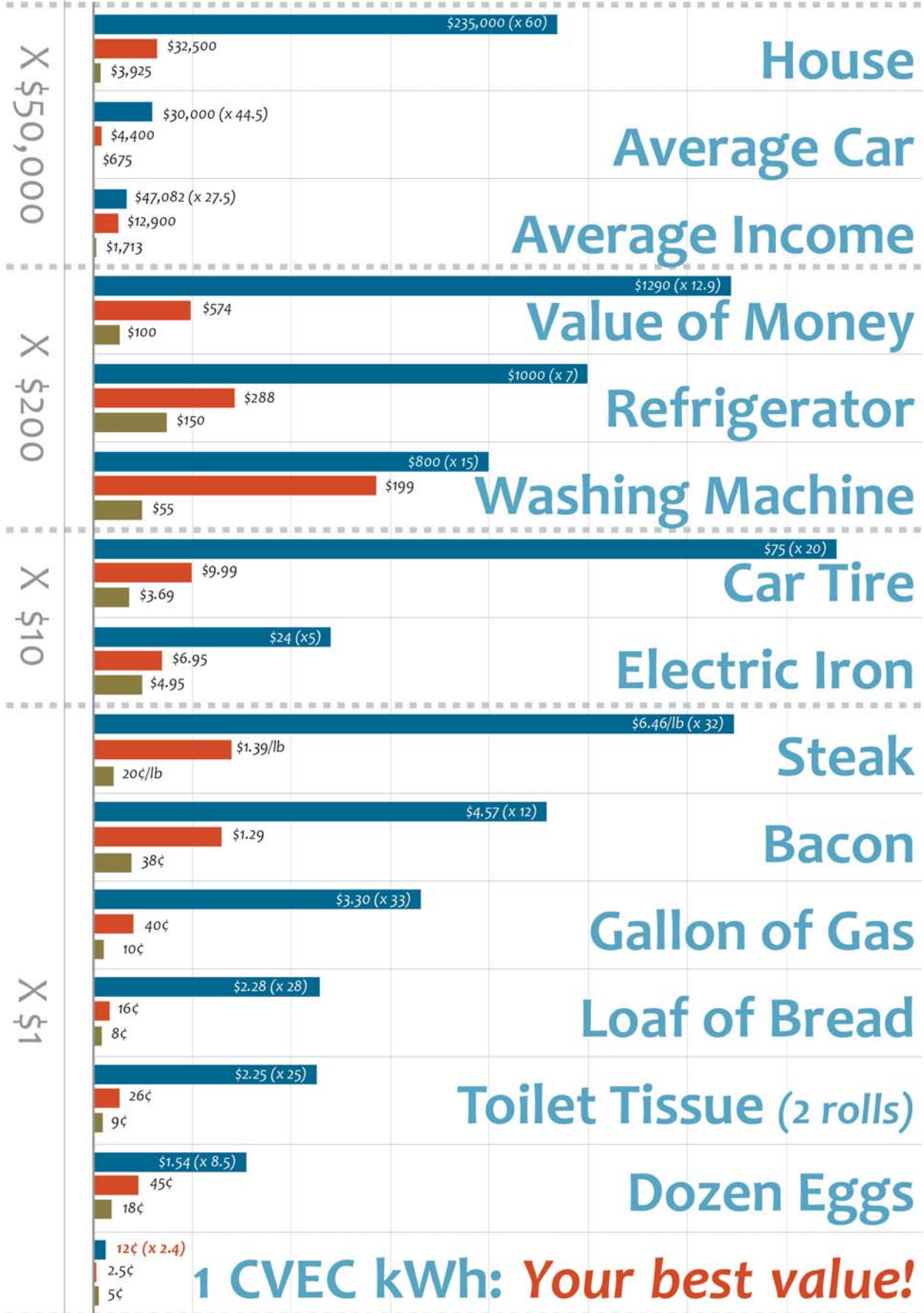


What did things cost in . . .

■ 2013?

■ 1974?

■ 1937?



1 CVEC kWh: Your best value!

kWh: kilowatt - hour

Live Line:

CVEC has a Live Line safety demonstration unit complete with high voltage lines and a model community. It demonstrates the power of electricity and the most common electric hazard situations.

When tractors, metal ladders and other equipment come into contact with a hot line, they transfer the electric current to



“Neon Leon” or “Lightnin’ Liz” who respectively light up with electricity.

CVEC offers a complete safety demonstration for schools in the counties it serves. Contact Ginny Tyree, gtyree@mycvec.com, if you are interested in scheduling a Live Line demo. 📍



SHORT BURSTS

Funds for College:

James Morris from Louisa, **Jeanne Robinson** from Cartersville and **Abigail Hutcherson** from Troy each received scholarships awarded by the Educational Scholarship Foundation of the Virginia, Maryland & Delaware Association of Electric Cooperatives.

James, a graduate of Louisa County High School and son of Carrie Carter, has been accepted to James Madison University. Jeanne, the daughter of Bob and Melissa Robinson, graduated from Cumberland High School and plans to attend Hood College. Abigail, the daughter of John and Nancy Hutcherson, is a graduate of Fluvanna County High School and will attend James Madison University.

Students were awarded these scholarships based on a competitive screening process and were eligible for consideration because their parents are consumer-members of CVEC. 📍

Budget Billing:

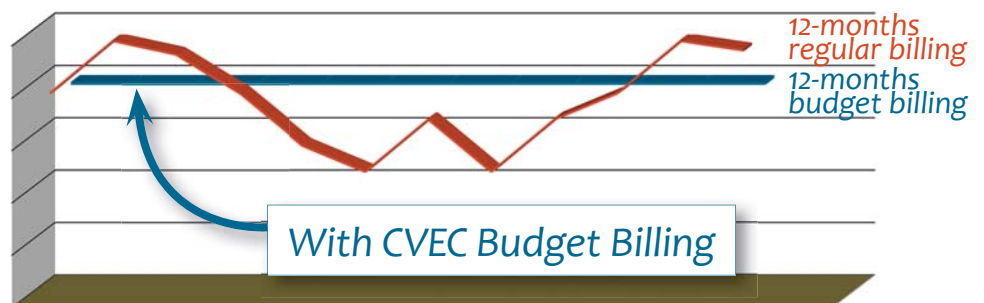
September is a sign-up month for CVEC’s Budget Billing Plan. If you want your electric bill to be about the same every month, regardless of the weather, you might want to consider applying.

The Co-op will determine your monthly payment based upon the previous year of usage. Every September, CVEC “settles up” any over or under payment to your account. You can monitor your

balance with your actual usage on your bill to track the anticipated settle-up amount.

In order to participate in budget billing, you must be a residential member and have 12

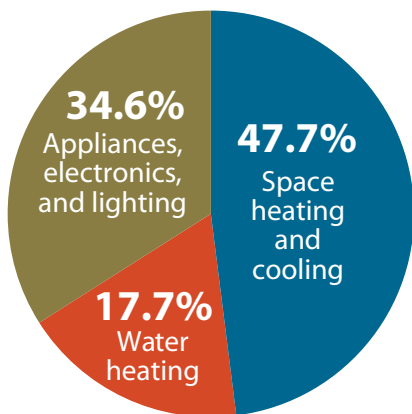
months of billing history with the Cooperative, free of late payments. To participate, contact Member Services at 800-367-2832 / ms@mycvec.com. 📍



STAYING COOL AS IT HEATS UP!

How Americans Use Energy

New data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration shows that heating and cooling still account for the largest amount of electricity consumption in American Homes. But as we use more and more electronic gadgets, that segment is closing the gap.



Use Air Conditioning and Fans Wisely

- ✓ Set your thermostat as high as comfort will permit. The less difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.
- ✓ Use a programmable thermostat with your air conditioner to adjust the setting at night or when no one is home.
- ✓ Use fans with your window air conditioner to spread cool air effectively through your home without greatly increasing power use.
- ✓ Don't set your thermostat at a colder setting than normal when you turn on your air conditioner. It won't cool your home any faster, and could result in excessive cooling and unnecessary expense.
- ✓ Don't place lamps or TVs near your air conditioner's thermostat. The heat from these appliances will cause the air conditioner to run longer.
- ✓ Shade your windows - sunny windows make air conditioners work two to three times harder.
- ✓ Close curtains on south- and west-facing windows during the day.
- ✓ Install white window shades, drapes, or blinds to reflect heat away from the house.
- ✓ Apply sun-control or other reflective films on south-facing windows.

WEATHERIZE! Air leaks waste energy dollars year-round!

- ✓ Caulking and weatherstripping will keep cool air in during the summer.
- ✓ Add insulation around air conditioning ducts when they are located in unconditioned spaces such as attics, crawl spaces, and garages.
- ✓ If you see holes or separated joints in your ducts, hire a professional to repair them.
- ✓ Check to see that your fireplace damper is tightly closed.

Everyday Tips to To Save Energy

- ✓ Replace incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescent lights.
- ✓ Air-dry dishes instead of using your dishwasher's drying cycle.
- ✓ Use a microwave oven instead of a conventional electric range or oven.
- ✓ Turn off your computer and monitor when not in use.
- ✓ Plug home electronics, such as TVs and VCRs, into power strips and turn power strips off when equipment is not in use.
- ✓ Lower the thermostat on your hot water heater; 115° is comfortable for most uses.
- ✓ If your air conditioner is old, the new energy efficient models can save you up to 50 percent on your cooling bills. Look for the ENERGY STAR®. 🔦

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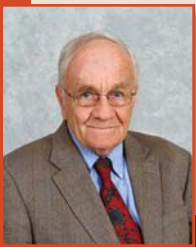


AT THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

Two Directors Elected & Bylaw Revisions Approved

CVEC members returned almost 1570 proxy ballots in late June as part of the Annual Member Meeting. **Did you vote?**

Those who did vote chose two fellow members to lead our Cooperative for the next three years. Henry Chiles from Batesville and Roberta Harlowe from Troy were selected to represent us as Cooperative policies, issues, and opportunities are considered.



Henry Chiles
Batesville, VA
Representing
the CVEC
West District



Roberta Harlowe
Troy, VA
Representing
the CVEC
East District

The members also ratified revisions to the Cooperative Bylaws, the rules that govern CVEC. The changes ensure that any proxy voting at a CVEC meeting will be performed by a Cooperative member. 🔦



CVEC Contract crews will be clearing rights of way in the following areas:

- Piney River
- Temperance
- Buffalo Springs
- Zion
- Beaver Dam
- Keswick
- Gladstone
- Bent Creek
- Centenary
- Schuyler
- Coffeetown
- Lake Monticello